

# Math 131B: Homework 8

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Problem 1. **Exercise 4.5.2**

(Lemma) If  $n \geq 3$  then  $(n+k)! > 2^k n!$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

We will show this claim to be true by induction on  $k$ .

For the base case of  $k = 1$  we have

$$(n+1)! = (n+1)n! > 3 \cdot n! > 2^1 n!$$

, so the claim holds for  $k = 1$ . We assume the claim to be true for some arbitrary  $k$ . Thus, it remains to show the claim holds for  $k + 1$ . Using the induction hypothesis, we obtain

$$(n+k+1)! = (n+k+1)(n+k)! > (n+k+1)2^k n! > 3 \cdot 2^k n! > 2^{k+1} n!$$

, so the claim holds for  $k + 1$ . Hence, by induction, the claim holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

QED

We will show by induction on  $n$  that the claim  $0 < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)!} < \frac{1}{n!}$  for all  $n \geq 3$

For the base case of  $n = 3$  we have

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(3+k)!}$$

because each  $\frac{1}{(3+k)!}$  is positive, and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(3+k)!} < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k 3!} = \frac{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3!}$$

by the sum of an infinite geometric series and the lemma proved above, so the claim holds for  $n = 3$ . We assume the claim to be true for some arbitrary  $n$ . Thus, it remains to show the claim holds for  $n + 1$ .

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1+k)!}$$

because each  $\frac{1}{(n+1+k)!}$  is positive, and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1+k)!} < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k (n+1)!} = \frac{\frac{1}{2 \cdot (n+1)!}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$$

by the sum of an infinite geometric series and the lemma proved above, so the claim holds for  $n + 1$ . Hence, by induction, the claim holds for all  $n \geq 3$ .

QED

Next we show  $n!e$  is not an integer for any  $n \geq 3$  by contradiction. Assume for the sake of contradiction  $n!e$  is an integer for some  $n \geq 3$ . By the definition of  $e$ ,  $n!e = n! \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!} + n! \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)!}$ .  $0 < n! \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)!} < \frac{n!}{n!} = 1$  by Exercise 4.5.2, so it clearly is not an integer.  $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \prod_{i=k+1}^n i$  which is clearly an integer because each term is a product of integers which will also be an integer, and a finite sum of integers must be an integer. Thus, we have a contradiction because  $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!} < n!e < \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!} + 1$ , so  $n!e$  is between two consecutive integers for any  $n \geq 3$ . Hence,  $n!e$  is not an integer for any  $n \geq 3$ . Because  $n!e$  is not an integer for every  $n \geq 3$ , it follows that  $ne$  is not an integer for every  $n \geq 3$ . If there was an  $n$  s.t.  $ne$  was an integer,  $ne(n-1)!$  would also be an integer which contradicts  $n!e$  is not an integer for any  $n \geq 3$ . Since  $a = ne$  is not an integer for all  $n$ , it follows  $e$  cannot be expressed as a ratio of integers  $\frac{a}{n}$ , so  $e$  must be irrational.

**Problem 2. Exercise 4.5.4**

We will show  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is infinitely differentiable using cases.

- Case 1. ( $x < 0$ )  $f$  is clearly differentiable for  $x < 0$  because the derivative of the zero function is the zero function, so by a simple induction  $f^{(k)}(x) = 0$  for every integer  $k \geq 0$  and  $x < 0$ .
- Case 2. ( $x > 0$ ) We show that  $f$  is of the form  $f^{(k)}(x) = P_{2k}(\frac{1}{x})e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$  for every integer  $k \geq 0$  and  $x > 0$  by induction on  $k$ . For the base case of  $k = 1$ , we obtain  $f^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$  by the chain rule, so the claim holds for  $k = 1$ . Assume for some arbitrary  $k$  the claim holds, so it remains to show the claim holds for  $k + 1$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $f^{(k)}(x) = P_{2k}(\frac{1}{x})e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$  for some  $k$ , so we differentiate both sides to obtain  $f^{(k+1)}(x)$ . By the product rule and chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(k+1)}(x) &= (P_{2k-1}(\frac{1}{x})(-\frac{1}{x^2}))e^{-\frac{1}{x}} + P_{2k}(\frac{1}{x})(\frac{1}{x^2}e^{-\frac{1}{x}}) \\ &= (P_{2k+1}(\frac{1}{x}) + P_{2k+2}(\frac{1}{x}))e^{-\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= P_{2(k+1)}(\frac{1}{x})e^{-\frac{1}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

, so the claim holds for  $k + 1$ . Hence, by induction the claim holds for all  $k$ .

- Case 3. ( $x = 0$ ) We will show  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$  by using the limit definition of the derivative and induction on  $k$ . For the base case of  $k = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} &= \frac{0}{0} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} &= 0 \text{ because } f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, it suffices to show } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x} = 0$$

$$\text{By the continuity of } y = \frac{1}{x} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^+ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-y}}{\frac{1}{y}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y}{e^y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{e^y} = 0 \text{ by L'H twice}$$

, so the claim holds for  $k = 1$ . We assume the claim to be true for some arbitrary  $k$ . Thus, it

remains to show the claim holds for  $k + 1$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^{(k)}(x) - f^{(k)}(0)}{x} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f^{(k)}(x) - f^{(k)}(0)}{x} = 0 \text{ because } f^{(k)}(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x < 0$$

$$\text{Thus, it suffices to show } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{P_{2k}(\frac{1}{x})e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By the continuity of } y = \frac{1}{x} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{P_{2k}(\frac{1}{x})e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_{2k}(y)e^{-y}}{\frac{1}{y}} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_{2k+1}(y)}{e^y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{e^y} = 0 \text{ by L'H } 2(k+1) \text{ times.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the claim holds for  $k + 1$ , so by induction, the claim holds for all  $k$ .

If  $f$  is real analytic at  $x = 0$ , it must have a Taylor series centered at 0 that converges to the function  $f$ . However, as we know,  $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$  for all  $k$ , so its Taylor series centered at 0 is the zero function, which is not the original function  $f$ . Hence,  $f$  is not real analytic at  $x = 0$

### Problem 3. Exercise 4.5.5

- (a) Because  $\exp(x)$  and  $\log(x)$  are inverses,  $\exp(\log(x)) = x$ . Implicitly differentiating both sides, we obtain  $(\exp(\log(x)))' = \exp(\log(x)) \cdot \log'(x) = x \cdot \log'(x) = 1$ . Dividing both sides by  $x$ , we obtain our final solution  $\log'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .
- (b) Let  $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ . Because  $\exp(x)$  and  $\log(x)$  are inverses,  $\log(xy) = \log(\exp^{\log(x)} \cdot \exp^{\log(y)})$ . Using Theorem 4.5.2(d),  $\log(\exp^{\log(x)} \cdot \exp^{\log(y)}) = \log(\exp^{\log(x) + \log(y)})$ , and because  $\exp(x)$  and  $\log(x)$  are inverses,  $\log(\exp^{\log(x) + \log(y)}) = \log(x) + \log(y)$  which is our desired result.
- (c) By Theorem 4.5.2(e),  $1 = \exp(0)$ , so  $\log(1) = \log(\exp(0)) = 0$  because  $\exp$  and  $\log$  are inverses.  $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\exp(\log(x))}$ . By Theorem 4.5.2(e) we obtain  $\frac{1}{\exp(\log(x))} = \exp(-\log(x))$ . Thus,  $\log(\frac{1}{x}) = \log(\exp(-\log(x))) = -\log(x)$ .
- (d) Because  $\exp(x)$  and  $\log(x)$  are inverses,  $\log(x^y) = \log((\exp(\log(x)))^y)$ . By properties of exponents,  $\log((\exp(\log(x)))^y) = \log(\exp(y \cdot \log(x)))$ , and  $\log(\exp(y \cdot \log(x))) = y \cdot \log(x)$  because  $\exp(x)$  and  $\log(x)$  are inverses.
- (e)  $\frac{1}{1-t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n$  for  $t \in (-1, 1)$ . For any  $x \in (-1, 1)$  the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n$  converges uniformly to  $\frac{1}{1-t}$  on  $[-|x|, |x|]$ . Thus, we can switch the order of integration and summation. It follows
 
$$\log(1-x) = \log(1-x) - \log(1-0) = -\int_0^x \frac{1}{1-t} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^x t^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n+1}}{n+1} = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}.$$
 Substituting  $x$  for  $1-x$ , if  $1-x \in (-1, 1)$ , then  $\log(1-(1-x)) = \log(x) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-x)^n}{n} =$ 

$$-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-1)^n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n}{n}, \text{ so } \log(x) \text{ is analytic at } x=1 \text{ with } R=1$$

### Problem 4. Exercise 4.5.8

Let  $a \in (0, \infty)$ .  $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{a-x}{a}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^{n+1}} (x-a)^n$  for  $x \in (0, 2a)$  by the sum of a geometric series. For any  $r < a$  the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^{n+1}} (x-a)^n$  converges uniformly to  $\frac{1}{x}$  on  $[a-r, a+r]$ , so
 
$$\log(x) = \log(a) + \int_a^x \frac{1}{t} = \log(a) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_a^x \frac{(-1)^n}{a^{n+1}} (t-a)^n = \log(a) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^{n+1}(n+1)} (x-a)^{n+1} \text{ for}$$

$x \in [a - r, a + r]$ . Thus  $\log(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - a)^n$  where  $c_n = \begin{cases} \log(a) & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{a^n n} & \text{if } n \neq 0 \end{cases}$  for  $x \in (0, 2a)$ . Hence  $\log(x)$  is real analytic for all  $a \in (0, \infty)$ .

**Problem 5. Additional Problem**

We will show that any analytic function where  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x < 0$  is the zero function for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  by contradiction. Assume for the sake of contradiction  $f(x) \neq 0$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Because  $f$  is analytic, it is continuous and infinitely differentiable. Let  $a = \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \neq 0\}$ , so  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x < a$ . We will show by induction on  $k$  that  $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of real numbers less than  $a$  s.t.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ . For the base case  $k = 0$ , we know by the continuity of  $f$  that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ . Since each  $f(x_n) = 0$ ,  $f(a) = 0$ , so the base case holds. Let  $k$  be arbitrary and assume  $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$ . It remains to show  $f^{(k+1)}(a) = 0$ . For the case  $k+1$ ,  $f$  is infinitely differentiable, so  $f^{(k+1)}$  exists. The derivative of the zero function is the zero function, so  $f^{(k+1)}(x) = 0$  for  $x < a$ . The continuity of  $f^{(k+1)}$  tells us that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$  implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{(k+1)}(x_n) = f^{(k+1)}(a)$ . Since each  $f^{(k+1)}(x_n) = 0$ ,  $f^{(k+1)}(a) = 0$ , so the  $k+1^{th}$  case holds. Hence, by induction,  $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . By the uniqueness of a power series and Taylor's formula, if  $f$  is analytic at  $a$ , its power series centered at  $a$  is equal to its Taylor series. Since  $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$  for each of its derivatives, its Taylor series converges to the zero function. However, we obtain a contradiction because for any  $r > 0$  there exists  $x \in (a, a+r)$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq 0$ . This follows from the definition of  $a$ . If there exists  $r > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in (a, a+r)$   $f(x) = 0$ , there exists  $b \in (a, a+r)$  s.t.  $b$  is a lower bound for  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \neq 0\}$  which contradicts our definition for  $a$ . Hence,  $f$  is not analytic on  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $f(x) \neq 0$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $g$  and  $h$  be analytic real valued functions where  $g(x) = h(x)$  for all  $x < 0$ . Let  $f'$  be the difference of  $g$  and  $h$ . It follows  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x < 0$ . By the previous parts of the problem, we showed that if  $f'$  is analytic and  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x < 0$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  $g(x) - h(x) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = h(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .